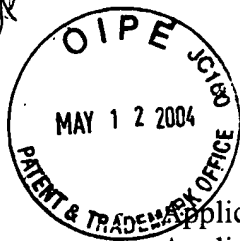


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed herein on December 8, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page nine of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, May 6, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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